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Mrs. Harold E. Fellows



Dear Mrs. Fellows:

I have not had the pleasure of meeting you and I did not wish to disturb you during these days following the tragic death of your husband. I wanted, however, to have an opportunity of telling you of my great admiration for him, although I had only met him on two or three occasions. However, I was one of the last persons to see him before his fatal illness as he lunched with me on March 8. We had a most interesting talk together about a matter in the public interest with which we were both deeply concerned. Our meeting together on this day was a very happy and constructive one. He showed no signs of illness and as usual, a broad grasp of the problems we were dealing with. He returned to his office in my car and was, I believe, stricken as he entered his office.

I felt you might like to know this about his last hours and to know that he was working in the public interest right up to the moment he was stricken.

I send you my deepest sympathy. I know what a loss his death has been not only to his family but to the great enterprise in which he was playing so large a part.

Faithfully yours,

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Allen W. Dulles
Director

B2 Wednesday, March 9, 1960 THE WASHINGTON POST

H. E. Fellows Dies; Led Free-TV Fight

By Alan L. Dessoff
Staff Reporter

Harold E. Fellows, president and chairman of the board of the National Association of Broadcasters, died of a heart attack yesterday at George Washington University Hospital. He was stricken in his office shortly



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HAROLD E. FELLOWS

after lunch. He was 60.

NAB officials said last night that an "important" meeting of the board, scheduled to begin today at the Statler Hotel, would take place as planned.

Mr. Fellows had been active in opposing proposed Federal controls over television programming. He told the Federal Communications Commission Jan. 25 that "self-regulation by the broadcasting industry, even with its limited sanctions, is more in keeping with our democracy than Government control." He noted that the NAB had recently revised its code of ethics.

Two weeks ago, at a conference of NAB officials here, he urged station operators to unite against Government control of programs, saying Uncle Sam was "a great old guy, but he'd make a mighty poor program director." Earlier, he had maintained that "broadcasting has only one boss—the public—and neither the Government nor critics . . . should dictate what the public sees or hears."

The chief executive of the NAB, which represents about half the Nation's radio and television broadcasters, was born in Amesbury, Mass., and grew up on a farm at Newton, N. H. He studied advertising and business administration at New York University and was in the Marines during World War I.

He broke into radio in 1929 as a singer on his own show, sponsored by a paint company, and later joined station WEEI in Boston.

He was named president of the NAB in 1951 and chairman of the board in 1954.

He was a member of the Metropolitan Club, Theta Chi, Alpha Epsilon Rho and chairman of the Board of Governors of the Broadcasters Club of Washington.

Mr. Fellows and his wife, Janet, lived at the Cleveland House, 2727 29th st. nw. They also maintained a home in Gilmanton, N. H. They have two daughters, Mrs. [illegible] and Mrs. Keith C. Steele, of Brookline, Mass.

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Dulles

This is to remind that you wish to write
Mrs. Fellows a letter.

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